City of Alamo Heights BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT MINUTES

May 7, 2008

The Board of Adjustment held its regularly scheduled meeting in the Council Chambers at 6120 Broadway on Wednesday, May 7, 2008 at 5:30 p.m.

Members present and composing a quorum of the Board:

Barbara Wenger-Chairman

Grant McFarland

Susan Wilson

Gregg Chislett

Bill Orr

Members Absent:

Andrew Herdeg, Alternate

Hall Hammond, Alternate

Staff Members Present:

Shawn Eddy, Director of Public Works

Jack Guerra, Community Development Manager

Gracie Flores, Community Development Representative

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Wenger at 5:30 p.m.

Ms. Wilson made a motion to approve the minutes from April 2, 2008 with revisions. Mr. Orr seconded the motion.

The motion was approved with the following vote:

FOR: Wenger, McFarland, Wilson, Chislett, Orr

AGAINST: None

CASE NO. 1980

403 College, request for the following variance(s): 1) a rear yard set back for the main structure of 33 ft. 6 in. instead of the 35 ft required; and 2) a side yard set back for an accessory structure on a corner lot of 7 ft. 3 in. instead of the 10 ft required.

Mr. Guerra explained the case to the Board. Roxanne Thompson, owner, explained the reason for the variance requests which included having a shallow lot and the proposed garage lining up with the adjacent garage to the north. Ms. Wenger asked if Ms. Thompson had spoken to the neighbor to the north of the property. Ms. Thompson stated that she had not because no one lives there but she did speak to the neighbor to the east who would be affected by the view. Mr. Bob Biechlin of 322 Evans stated that he supported the project and that is was his property that would be affected by the view.

A motion was made by Ms. Wilson to approve Case Number 1980 as submitted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Chislett.

The motion was approved with the following vote:

FOR: Wenger, McFarland, Wilson, Chislett, Orr

AGAINST: None

CASE NO. 1981

158 Katherine Court, request a height variance for an 8 ft. 2 in. tall fence instead of the 6 ft. required located along the west side property line.

Mr. Guerra explained the case to the Board. Mr. Robert Getz, developer, explained that he needed the variance due to the slope of the property and to not visually intrude upon the property to the west. Mr. Getz stated that he had spoken with a number of neighbors and so far there have been no objections. Ms. Wenger asked about the neighbor immediately to the west. Mr. Getz explained that the owner lives out of town and he has been in contact with him about the project. Ms. Wenger asked if the surrounding neighbors were happy with the overall aesthetics of the fence. Mr. Getz stated that they were.

A motion was made by Mr. McFarland to approve Case Number 1981 as submitted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Orr.

The motion was approved with the following vote:

FOR: Wenger, McFarland, Wilson, Chislett, Orr

AGAINST: None

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:02 p.m.

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Barbara Wenger, Chairman

Gracie Flores

Recording Secretary

Date Signed & Filed